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The bus known as the Help Is Here Express, has been traveling across the country since April of last year to provide assistance for people with inadequate health insurance coverage.

Insurance help rolls in

Partnership for Prescription Assistance finds new way to reach uninsured residents

By Jodie Lehrer

Staff Writer

Residents of Salisbury now have a little more help getting the medical care and prescriptions they need thanks to a bright orange bus. The bus, known as the Help Is Here Express, has been traveling across the country since April of last year, to provide assistance for people with inadequate health insurance coverage.

The bus, run by the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), made a stop in Salisbury this past Tuesday to give out information on their organization and to help those in need of assistance get started.

The PPA is an organization that aids those in need by helping them

find different programs and companies across the country that will allow them to get their prescriptions filled for little or no cost.

The Help Is Here Express acts as a traveling enrollment center where participants may take 10-minutes to fill out a 10-question survey to find out which programs best fit their needs.

The idea behind the traveling enrollment center is to reduce the amount of paperwork consumers sometimes see as tedious.

"We wanted to cut through the time-consuming manner it has been," said Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Researching Manufacturers of America, Ed Belkin. "It's a one-stop clearinghouse."

Since the Help Is Here Express

began its tour, over 1.4 million people have been matched to a PPA. In that same time period the state of Maryland alone has committed more than 17,000 patients.

"We've made this a priority to help people with little income to get access to free, or nearly free prescription drugs," said Belkin.

The Help Is Here Express is open

to people of all ages, however mainly targets 20-30 year olds. According to Susan Battistoni, head of the Salisbury University Nursing Department, most people of this age are generally very healthy. At the same time, however, they are at high risk for onsets of many mental problems and because of risky behaviors are at high risk for sexually transmitted

diseases. "Even though 20-30 year olds are usually very healthy, the cost of any of the above can virtually impoverish them financially," said Battistoni.

"The worst prescription medicine is the one that sits on the shelf and does not do anything," said Belkin. For more information on the Help Is Here Express and the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, one can call 1-888-4PPA-NOW, Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-11:00PM, Saturday and Sunday from 8:00a.m. - 10:00 p.m. You can also visit their website at www.pparx.org.

Multinational Species Conservation drives petition

By Contessa Crisostomo

Staff Writer

The Salisbury Zoo is participating in a national petition drive to urge Congress to increase funding to \$2 million for each species covered under the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

The local zoo is one of 210 zoos and aquariums under the American Zoo & Aquarium Association participating in the drive, which will benefit great apes, tigers, African elephants, marine turtles, Asian elephants and rhinos to help protect them from the dangers in the wild, such as poaching and loss of habitat. The drive aims to send two million signatures to Washington, D.C. by March.

Carrie Samis, education curator at

the Salisbury Zoo, believes that the potential success of this drive could lead to a change in the future. "If zoos and aquariums from across the country are effective in mobilizing their visitors and their communities," Samis says, "this petition drive could have a significant impact on wildlife legislation - not only the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, but also future legislation designed to protect species and critical habitat."

The federal administration's budget for 2006 showed a 25% decrease from 2005 for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. In addition, recent requests Bush submitted for the 2007 budget have shown increases in homeland security, defense programs and health care,

which causes some to worry about more cuts for environmental protection.

Senior Alyssa Bernido, an Environment Health Science major, says she supports the petition. "With the many problems humans face with the threat of overpopulation and over-exploitation of natural resources, the wild animals face as well," Bernido says. "They're a part of our circle of life, everything is linked to each other some way or another and once something is taken out of the picture, it's only a matter of time before the humans feel the effects as well."

Associate professor of Biology and Bio Enviros advisor Judith Stribling agrees, stressing the fact that supporting the preservation of

wildlife benefits humans as well.

"Whenever we focus on species that have wide human appeal, such as marine turtles or elephants, we enable areas to be protected that will benefit many other organisms as well, and ultimately the earth, as land is preserved and resources are devoted to protection of these animals," says Stribling. "\$2 million isn't very much in terms of accomplishing these objectives, but it would at least be a start."

The Salisbury Zoo will be collecting signatures until the end of February.

"Collectively, we could have a powerful voice on Capitol Hill," says Samis.

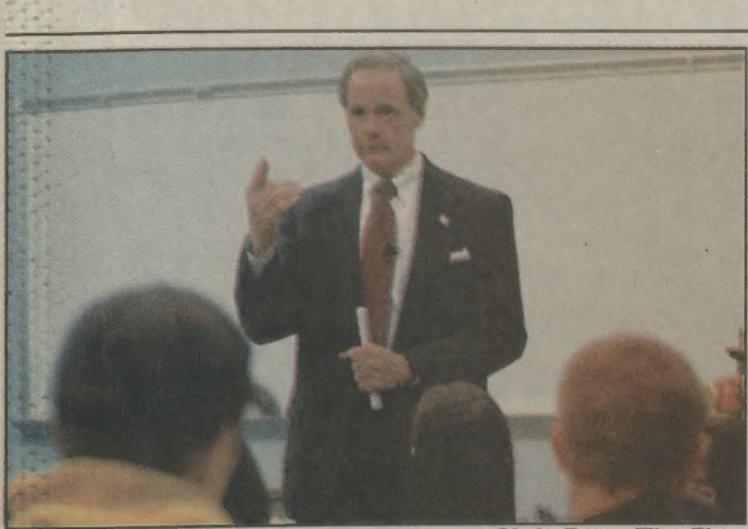


Photo Courtesy of Salisbury Zoo

News Brief

Senator Carper comes to SU

Eager students filled Fulton Hall 111 Friday to meet Delaware Senator Tom Carper. Carper discussed with the students his most recent trip to Iraq and discussed his various stances on Middle Eastern policy issues. The Senator later went to the PACE building to meet and discuss these issues with more interested students. Justin Ritter who met with Carper stated, "This Senator is the kind of leader we need to keep this country moving forward."



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News briefs

Kingsley Speaks on South Darfur

Civil Rights

Civil liberties advocate Joanne E. Kingsley speaks on human rights violations in South Darfur, Sudan, 7 p.m. Monday, February 20, in the Ritual Room of Salisbury University's Scarborough Student Leadership Center. Darfur has been characterized by leaders as the one of the worst humanitarian areas in the world, where genocide and other practices violate human rights. Kingsley most recently spent nine months in South Darfur as a protection officer with an international non-governmental organization. Sponsored by SU's chapter of Amnesty International, her talk is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salsbury.edu.

John Hughes Film Festival
From Clark Griswold's cross-country trip to Wally World to the wild abandon of Ferris Bueller, writer and director John Hughes is considered the master of 1980s teen cinema. SU showcases five of his best-known movies during its John Hughes Film Festival as part of SU's "80s on the 80th" spring cultural events series. All screenings are at 7 p.m. Films in the series include: Monday, February 13: National Lampoon's Vacation; Monday, February 20: Sixteen Candles; Monday, February 27: The Breakfast Club; Monday, March 6: Pretty in Pink; and Monday, March 13: Ferris Bueller's Day Off. All screenings are in Caruthers Hall Auditorium. Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs, admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6271.

Delegate Earns SU Award
Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-20-Montgomery) was recently honored as the 2005-2006 John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow in a ceremony held at the Maryland General Assembly. The award, sponsored by Salisbury University's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), was presented by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, in the presence of students, faculty, alumni and administrators who attended SU's annual Day at the Legislature. The award is designed to honor outstanding legislators for the time and effort they spend on behalf of their fellow citizens. The funding for the award was made possible by contributions to Salisbury University in memory of John R. Hargreaves, a member of the Maryland General Assembly from Caroline County. As part of the fellowship program, Hixson will meet with a group of PACE students later in the legislative session and afterward will come to the SU campus to speak to students and community members.

Islam

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event," said education major Sam Jones of the lecture. One of the goals of the Middle East Policy Council is to create an environment in which people can learn and adequately teach Islamic and Arabic topics.

At the end of the lecture people were aloud to create their own Islamic related art.

"In today's society this topic is extremely relevant and I was pretty happy to be able to come to this



Chris Baum/The Flyer

Audrey Shabbas held a workshop for SU students and local teachers concerning the correct teaching of Islamic culture in schools at the Wicomico County Board of Education Saturday.

Shooting

Captain Tyler also remarks, "Being that this was a very rare occurrence, we will maintain the same amount of police patrol in the Old Zoo as before the shootings. Now since 1998 have there been any reports of shootings around that area."

Although the shooting was

The assurances of local law enforcement seem to placate residents of the Old Zoo. Geoff Leadbeater, a current student at SU, says he feels the police force around the zoo is truly protective. He also has never felt unsafe when walking around outside. When a random collection of other residents were polled, the majority agreed with Leadbeater's remarks.

Make a mental note of anyone suspicious.

SU is getting it right at the Writing Center

By Cara Lee

Staff Writer

Students at Salisbury University are well underway in this semester's spring classes. Fall exams and final papers are long forgotten in a flurry of winter break activities, but at Salisbury the Writing Center begins the new school year celebrating International Writing Center Awareness week, Feb. 12-

Fe. 18. The center opened November 1st, and has already had over 300 sessions with students from various majors and courses. Nicole Munday, director of the Writing Center says "we've even helped some computer science and foreign language courses out with papers." The consultants at the Writing Center are trained for a semester to ensure that stu-

dents are receiving the highest standards of professional service. In its first year of operation, the Writing Center has become a member of the International Writing Center Association (IWCA), and the Mid-Atlantic Writing Center Association (MAWCA). Consultants Matt Evans and Elisabeth Mander will be presenting at the MAWCA conference on April 8 in Annapolis.

In light of International Writing Center Awareness week, the Writing Center has asked us to reprint the list of Frequently Asked Questions, which can be viewed at www.salsbury.edu/iwc, along with the hours of operation and more detail about the Center.

6. How do I know that your consultants will be able to help me? The consultants at our center have been selected for their strong writing skills. They have also been through extensive training, making them familiar with many different types of writing. It is possible to request a certain consultant if they are available during the time you wish to meet. Additionally, if you want to work with a consultant who has a background in a certain subject area, our consultants represent a variety of majors and minors—not just English.

7. How can I prepare myself for my visit to the writing center? A hard copy of your work-in-progress is helpful when attending a session (although we do have a few computers and a printer that you may use). It is also useful to bring along a copy of the prompt or the assignment your professor gave you out. Also, please give some thought to what you would like to focus on during your session. This will give you and your consultant a starting point for your consultation, and it will help the two of you use your 30-minute-session most efficiently.

8. Can I come to the center for help with a group project? Yes, we can work with you individually or in small groups.

9. What if I have a very long paper or if I am a graduate student—can I come to the center for help?

Yes, if you have a very long paper and you do not think that the 30-minute-session will be enough, just mention it when you come in and we will try to make arrangements for a longer session with you. Graduate students are more welcome to visit the center and the consultants will be able to work with you. Undergraduates are our first priority at this time, but we are here for all members of the Salisbury University community.

5. Are the sessions confidential?

Yes, the sessions are not reported to your professor or anyone else outside of the writing center. Your questions, thoughts, and ideas stay between you and your consultant, unless you decide to tell someone about the session. This environment is different than a meeting with your professor because we will never be in a position of having to grade you. We are here to offer you feedback and to support what you are learning in the classroom, not to judge you.

4. What kind of assignments can I bring?

All of them. The staff at the writing center is trained to help not only writers of English papers, but also writers working on a wide array of assignments such as lab reports, research papers, reviews, lesson plans, and much more. We are here to help students in all disciplines.

3. Can you help me if I don't have a finished draft?

Yes, at the writing center we are here to help you at any stage of your writing.

If you are at the beginning of an assignment and have ideas but nothing written down, we can give you feedback. If you think you have a fairly polished draft, we can also look at your work together. You can receive assistance at any stage in your personal writing process.

2. Can I drop off my paper and have someone correct it for me without having to stay?

No, the writing center is here to engage you, encourage you, and improve your writing. We will go through the writing process with you so that in the future you can use the skills you obtain here. The staff here will help you with many other things besides proofreading—like brainstorming, creating a thesis, organizing a paper, and much more.

1. Do I have to make an appointment?

No, we accept walk-ins. But if you would like to meet at a specific time, you can make an appointment with us by stopping by or calling 410-543-6332. Keep in mind that each session lasts about 30 minutes.

Crime beat

02/07/06

05:35 PM Weapons Violation - An employee reported a weapons violation in Pocono Hall. Investigation by University Police officers resulted in the recovery of the weapons. University judicial charges are pending.

02/03/06

00:35 AM CDS Violation - An employee reported a CDS violation in St. Martin Hall. Investigation by University Police officers resulted in the recovery of CDS paraphernalia. Criminal charges and university judicial charges are pending.

02/02/06

09:40 AM Theft - A student reported a bicycle had been stolen from a bike rack located near the University Center. The bicycle was unlocked.

02/01/06

01:30 PM Theft - An employee reported a wallet & checkbook were stolen from a purse that was left in an unlocked Devilliss Hall office.

01/31/06

03:00 PM Theft - A student reported that a cellular phone had been stolen from an unlocked locker in Maggs Gym. While University Police officers were taking the report, another student reported an unattended backpack was stolen from the same area. The original reporting student left the building and was approached by a subject (non-student) attempting to sell a laptop computer. This alert student immediately notified University Police, who located the subject.

Subsequent investigation revealed the subject had stolen the cellular phone and backpack from Maggs Gym. The laptop computer had been stolen from an unlocked office in Caruthers Hall. The subject was arrested.

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Community influence on Field Day fosters student resentment

By James McVicker

I think it is absurd that the Salisbury community seems to continually govern this university's actions. Just as in our new housing restrictions, the community once again has landed its IRON FIST on controlling an event that has signified Salisbury tradition to many people. The irony of it is that the students of Salisbury make up a very large per-

centage of the local community. Yet, I wonder if the IRON FIST is made of a sour few who wish to control the actions and proceedings of the tradition that our PROUD alumni have created and fulfilled. In support to the previous comments please email me at jm08070@salisbury.edu

DONT LET THE TRADITION STOP HERE

increase in incoming students, leaving that \$51 million dollar benefit from the governor to virtually go to waste. We as students and ADULTS, and I a senior at the university will not allow the community to control our actions. We as the students will create our own field day. I have been to other school traditional events and the partying there is much worse than here at Salisbury and their community

doesn't feel the need to be the enforcer. We will look at the laws here in Wicomico County and fulfill the tradition that our PROUD

alumni have created and fulfilled.

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the universities daily life and events, (as they are more and more) we can expect to see a drop in the 8.5%

spirit than any other event the school has hosted.

Photo courtesy of the Evergreen

Many students feel that Field Day showed the more school

spirit than any other event the school has hosted.

Out of the suggestion box

This column is based on the comments and concerns offered by students, faculty and staff via the suggestion boxes placed around the SU campus. The President's Office staff seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be changed, but when not, a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box in the Guerrieri Center, one student submitted this concern:

Please take the pool table out of ear-

The guys who play there everyday all day (at least 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) are loud, obnoxious, and speak profane language. People come to the lounge as a place to rest or do homework in a quiet atmosphere. Ever since the pool table was moved out into the hallway, concentration and rest are impossible because of the noise!

Isn't there somewhere else the table can go where the noise will not disturb people looking for peace and quiet?

Those of us who commute to Salisbury from up to an hour away deserve some place quiet to do work, rest, and eat in between classes.

Becky Calloway
(Commuter Student)

Lawanda Dockins-Gordy, Director, Guerrieri University Center offered the following response:

I, too, was a commuter while completing my undergraduate degree and can certainly appreciate the need to have a quiet space that you can work, rest and eat in between classes. The location of the pool table and ping pong tables are the only spaces available, other than in the seating area of the lounges at this time. If students are being obnoxious it is a behavior certainly not endorsed by the University Center staff or the University. This will be addressed because we all must learn to respect others.

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I am not sure if you are aware that there is another lounge on the second floor of the University Center adjacent to the Writing Center. This space is considerably more quiet and may suit your needs better. If you have any suggestions or ideas they are certainly welcome. Thank you for sharing your concern.

Matthew Evans

In response to the new editor's letter to the public, I'm writing to voice my concern about the image our voice is portraying to the community. Our paper is not simply our voice. It is a manifestation of our presence beyond campus. Also, it is read by the Salisbury community, administrators, faculty, prospective students, and prominent figures from the area. How SU students are perceived impacts legislation and the distribution of grants and state funding that we all rely on for our studies. The money the school has

received from the state is undeniably important to our university.

However, the general assumption of the Feb. 6 edition of The Flyer portrays me as a student concerned mostly with what I can and can't get from someone else. The "SU receives \$51 million from Ehrlich" article is front page material. So would be the cancellation of Field Day, if it were published when that decision was made.

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I don't think that correctly describes us. I believe the articles about black history month and the relief effort our campus ministry has provided in Mississippi are more worthy. These are the kind of responses SU students deserve to receive for all of our great work. The fact that Field Day was cancelled is symptomatic of our degenerating image. Perhaps with more public works like the ones our fraternities, sororities, clubs and religious organizations already do, (highlighted in The Flyer, of course) the burning couches can be forgiven, and Field Day reinstated.

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Valentine's Day is weird. I've never had a Valentine's date. Why? I'm not sure, but it may have to do with the fact that I'm not too thrilled about it. But for once I'd like to have a date with a guy on that day, is that so hard to ask for? Things don't have to be so traditional that he'd have to feel obligated afterwards; I'd just like a date on that day.

If things aren't traditional, why not ask the guy you may like or just a friend that you know for a Valentine's date. Tell him that you've never had one and would like to spend the day with someone. There doesn't have to be any pressure. Make sure he doesn't have a lady of his own and that doesn't mean you scare her off if he has one. It just means you'll have to look elsewhere. If you aren't so keen on asking, give a guy some hints that you'd like to do something on that day. Movie, bowling, laser tag, or whatever the case may be. Valentine's Day is on a Tuesday and if your Tuesday is packed, then you can take a rain check for weekend. Movies play on campus and there are places to go out to. Try to be enthusiastic when talking about places to go and that you're interested. I'm not sure how many guys will take it if you act down in the dumps about this day. Who knows, even though it may be the traditional thing to do, some guy might just ask you out.

What do I get her? None of that red roses business advice either. I need something new, and something fresh.

Hey now, giving flowers as a gift isn't a bad idea. No one said you had to be traditional all with the red roses anyway. Tulips, lilies, orchids, or whatever you'd like. Make a mix of it. But if you want something new, look in the cookbook. Why not make her something if you want to be new age about it. Go to Emeril's website and check out what he's going on. Okay, so fine, you want to try something even more new than that. Why not trying making a card from scratch? We're not talking your average card here, make the card bigger and with more effort. Michael's is the perfect place to go for that because you can get things from little artworks, to stencil letters, to creative colorful papers in which you can customize the card to your liking. Ideas for gifts don't have to be limited to bears and a massive amount of chocolate if you think that's too old. Why not get her a gift certificate to a massage parlor or a spa. Maybe some place where she can be pampered and spoiled. OR do it yourself, turn your room into a massage parlor, just as long as you don't harm the girl by giving her an incorrect massage.

If you were stuck in a dilemma of trusting either someone who said that your significant other cheating or your mate saying it wasn't true, what do you do? I've researched this and I'm still not sure. I've asked a few people who know of him and that girl. I've only received mixed ideas or facts. "He did, don't trust him" or "No, she's only doing this to get at you" what do you do?

My first question to you is what do you feel in your heart? Don't blind yourself with feelings like "oh, he's my boyfriend so I'll trust anything he'll say," or "she's my best friend, screw him." Investigating is important if that actually has come up because if he is cheating, what is he doing with that other girl? Who has that girl been with? What if she has something? He needs to know that if he does cheat he is not only hurting the one he's in a relationship with, but also he may be jeopardizing your health as well. It should just be you and him in a room. No friends, nobody. Bring the topic up in a matter where you only want to know the truth and not to confront him with it. Being honest with how you feel will hopefully be enough for him to be honest if he is doing something. However, if you do not feel satisfied, you may need to take matters into your own hands by finding out what really is happening. Be cautious though, if he was telling the truth and you do not trust him, you could mess up big time. It is a very tough dilemma.

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Students volunteer at the zoo

By Contessa Crisostomo
Staff Writer

Senior Erica Marvel is graduating in May with a degree in English and hopes to be a publisher. The last thing she thought she'd do is work with animals, but an opportunity with the English department got her an internship at the Salisbury Zoo a year ago and she has been volunteering there since her internship ended. "It is a fun experience," Marvel says. "Everyone has such a great attitude."

Marvel and other volunteers undergo 15 hours of classroom training and 15 hours of on-the-job training prior to becoming a volunteer. A \$15 training fee is required with the application and once fully trained, volunteers must work 50 hours minimum per year.

To some volunteers, though, that's nothing.

Sophomore Lynn Culver was an intern at the zoo over the summer and worked every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "I loved going to work," she says. "It was so much fun everyday. They're not just a zoo."

Being a college student, it is important to take into effect class schedules and Culver says the zoo was accommodating. "They're very

flexible," she says. "You just give them your class schedule and they'll fit your volunteer hours around that."

Marvel says that she enjoys the atmosphere the most. "They are not demanding and really appreciate everything you do for them," Marvel says. "Being one of the few free zoos in the country, they really value their volunteers."

Carrie Samis, the Education Curator at the Salisbury Zoo,



Photo Courtesy of the Salisbury Zoo
Lynn Culver dressed up as a gorilla for Salisbury Zoo's "Night of the Living Zoo." Culver volunteer regularly at the Zoo.

believes that volunteering there is an enriching experience. "As a student, and as a contributing member of the community, volunteering offers a unique opportunity to help others and yourself" says Samis.

The Salisbury Zoo is now recruiting volunteers and will host tours for prospective volunteers on Feb. 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information on becoming a volunteer, call 410-546-3440 or email zooed@salisburyzoo.org.

SU staff member gets poem published

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

If you are ever in Holloway Hall, travel to room 270 and you will be surprised to learn there is a poet attentively sitting at his computer.

For the past seven years Michael Cooper has been the senior graphic designs editor for SU's public relations department. He has just had his poem, "My Autumn Backyard", published in the poetry anthology entitled, "Twilight Musings".

How did you feel when you won the contest?

Fall was coming in and it was a breezy day. It was early evening and the weather was turning cool. The scenery mostly inspired my poem as well as the colors around me.

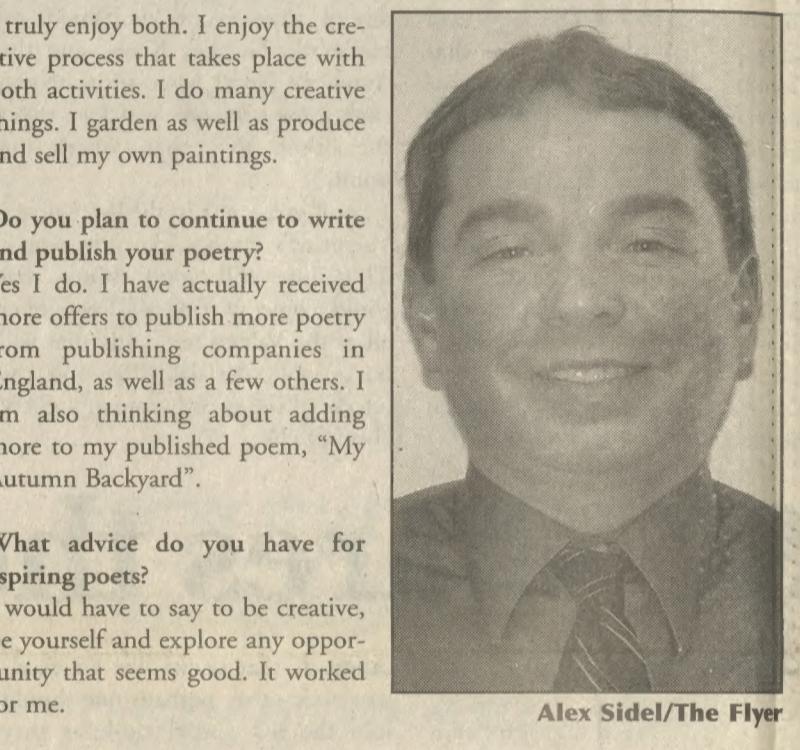
How did your poem get published?

I was bored online one day and saw a quiz testing ones knowledge on poetry. I scored very high on the test so they offered me a chance to submit a poem in hopes of having it published. And I won.

What was your inspiration for writing the poem?

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What do you enjoy more: graphic design or writing poetry?



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

Do you plan to continue to write and publish your poetry? Yes I do. I have actually received more offers to publish more poetry from publishing companies in England, as well as a few others. I am also thinking about adding more to my published poem, "My Autumn Backyard".

What was your inspiration for writing the poem?

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What advice do you have for aspiring poets?

I would have to say to be creative, be yourself and explore any opportunity that seems good. It worked for me.

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Record breaking SU swimmer still finds time to maintain 4.0 GPA

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Ralph Parker is a junior, majoring in accounting at Salisbury University who holds many responsibilities. He is a member of the University swim team, a student patrol with the University Police, a part of The Outdoor club as well as taking four upper level business classes - stepping down from 6 classes last semester. Ralph is someone who believes that the will to succeed and getting plenty of sleep is the key to his success. His everyday tasks may be able to wear down the average person, but this star swimmer is one who seems to shine a little brighter than the rest.

Well, it's not really a point of managing your time. It just comes down to surviving long enough in a day to accomplish all that has to be done. The key is simply going to sleep early and pray that gets you through the day. Also with a very busy day, I have to write down everything I have to do or I will not get it done.

With the little free time you do have what do you do for fun? If I am not catching up on some much needed sleep, I am probably writing a song. I have a major interest in rapping, I like to write, record and edit some songs that some of my friends and me come up with.

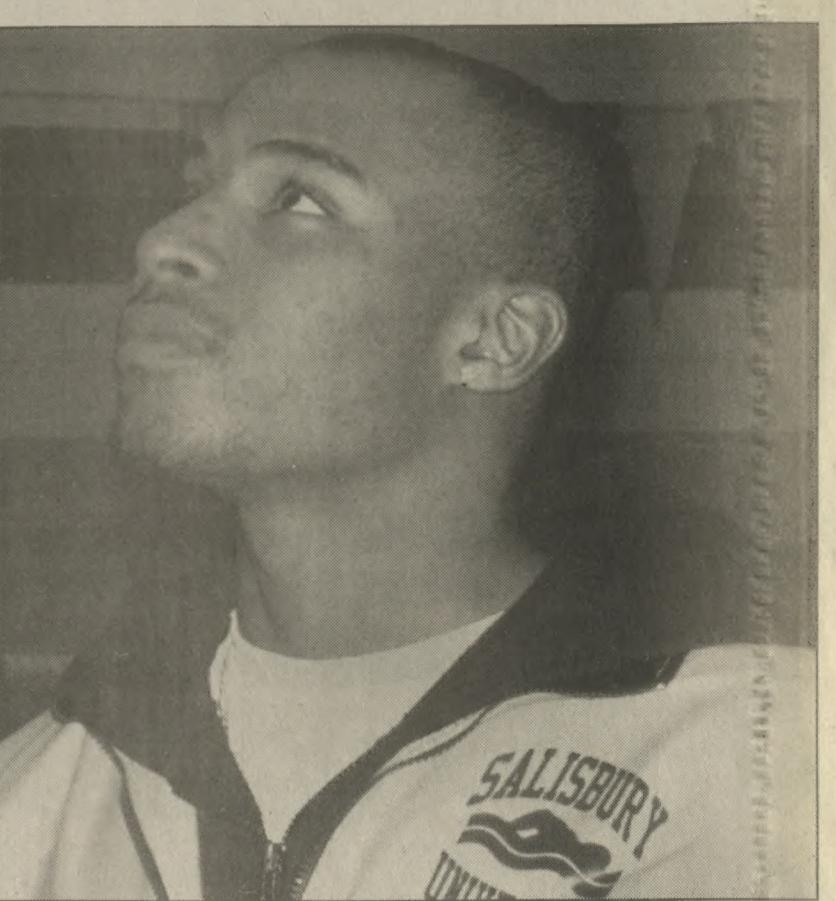
Music is obviously a major part of your life; do you listen to music before your swim meets? I felt wonderful. To know that no matter what it would be known that in 2005 that record was broken and it was me.

How did it feel to know you had broken a record?

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Do you have any advice for other students, who take on a similar work and activity load as you do?

Don't let the unimportant things get in the way. I know it's college and we have to have fun, but the goal for being here is to learn. So, just dig in and get it done. Then the money we get after graduation will be the real fun.



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Junior Ralph Parker is a member of the swim team, a patrolman for University Police, part of the Outdoor club and still manages to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

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Women's basketball falls to Mary Washington

By Shawn Nisson

Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's basketball team lost to the undefeated Eagles of Mary Washington on Saturday, 72-54. The Gulls lead by as many seven points in the first half, and came within four points of the Eagles in the second half, but the fourth ranked women's team in Division III was too much for Salisbury to handle.

The Gulls (13-9, 6-6 CAC) jumped out early and gained a 7-2 lead, taking advantage of offensive rebounds and Mary Washington turnovers. The Eagles responded with a 7-0 run to grab the lead with 15:09 left in the first half. Salisbury's game plan was evident early with nearly every possession going down low to get a high percentage shot near the basket, along with playing frustrating defense on the other end of the floor.

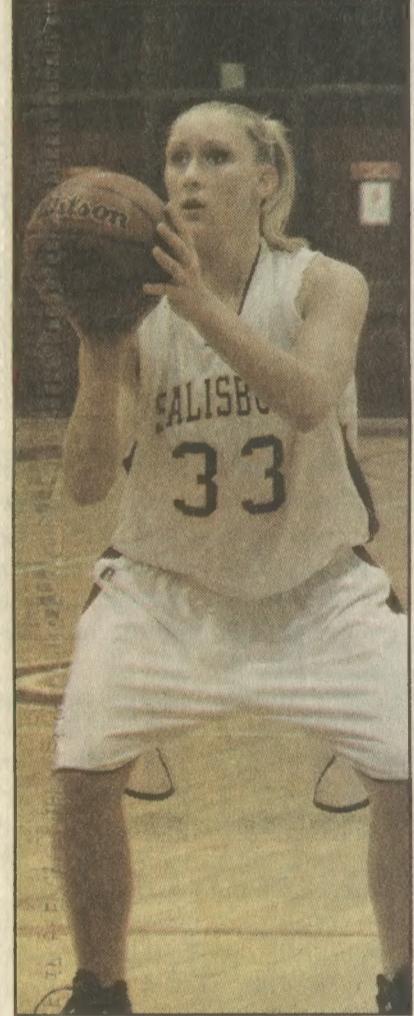
Salisbury's biggest lead came with 10:51 left in the half after Kiera Watkins converted on both of her free throw attempts to put the Gulls up by seven at 16-9. The Gulls lead was fleeting however, with the Eagles storming back, scoring 13 unanswered points. Salisbury got within six, but went into half-time down 35-27.

The Gulls scored the first four points of the second half to pull within four, but that would be the closest Salisbury would get as Mary Washington pulled away and won by



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Marissa Manzo goes up for a shot while fighting off defenders in Saturday's game.



Laura Emmons/The Flyer

16. The Gulls only shot 27 percent from the field while Mary Washington was able to convert 45.5 percent of their field goals for the game.

The Gulls held a distinct advantage pulling down eight offensive rebounds which led to 17 second chance points, 11 of which came in the first half. Mary Washington's bench outscored the Gulls by a margin of 35-15.

The Sea Gulls were led by Kat Kordal who scored 15 points and gathered in nine rebounds. Kiera Watkins deposited 10 points to go along with eight rebounds, and Meghan Phillips added seven points.

and two assists.

The Eagles (22-0, 12-0 CAC) were led by Debbie Bruen and Leigh Kampman who each scored 14 points, and collected six and seven rebounds respectively. Kaite Clarkin scored nine points while bringing in two rebounds and handing out two assists. Mary Washington's Liz Hickey was a force in the middle, blocking five shots to go along with eight points, two assists, and three rebounds.

The Gulls will face off with conference foe Catholic University on Wednesday at 5:30 in Maggs Gym. It is their last home game of the regular season.

Left:
Sophomore Kat Kordal takes a penalty shot during Saturday's game against Mary Washington. Mary Washington won 72 to 54

Men's basketball wins thriller in double-overtime

By Aaron Boker

Staff Writer

Saturday's Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) game against Mary Washington felt like a play-off game for the Salisbury men's basketball team. The Sea Gulls had to make two big plays and overcome fatigue from playing two extra periods to steal a 95-88 double-overtime win from the Eagles.

Salisbury's (13-10, 7-5) first big play came with three seconds left at the end of regulation when junior forward Rico Stewart tipped in a missed free throw from junior guard Ray Williams to send the game to overtime. Sea Gulls' senior forward Segun Odumeru made the other big play in the winding seconds of the first overtime by making a clutch three-pointer to force a second overtime which led to the victory.

The win helps the Sea Gulls' chances of gaining home court in the first round of the CAC tournament next week.

"It's a big step to getting the home court, one of the top four spots and a bigger step to playing at our potential at the biggest point of the season," said Coach Steve Holmes.

Salisbury started the game on a fast break. Odumeru caught fire early, scoring 10 of his game-high 32 points in the first four minutes, helping Salisbury gain a 22-8 lead by the midway point in the first half.

The Eagles, however, cut the lead to 24-21 about three minutes later. Salisbury got the lead back up to 34-26 at the half, but the lead almost vanished when Mary Washington cut it to 34-33 with less than two minutes into the second half.

Williams made the first one and missed the second and got the tip-in from Stewart to force an extra five minutes of basketball.

"When I lined up, I moved to the left and I hit the left and I hit it normal and luckily Ozi [Menakaya] and Rico fought hard

for it," said Williams.

Originally, Menakaya was first to rebound the ball. Menakaya missed the tip-in but Stewart grabbed the offensive board and went on to score the equalizer.

"Ozi shot it and I thought he was going to make it and then I saw the angle and I knew he wasn't going to make it so I positioned myself to get the rebound," recalls Stewart.

Salisbury was stuck in a similar situation towards the end of the first overtime period down 80-77 with 8.7 seconds left. After a timeout, sophomore guard Gary Ward in-bounded the ball from the far side of the court and threw it the court-length to Odumeru.

Odumeru jumped to grab the ball in the corner of the court and shot a desperation 3-pointer over two Eagle defenders and nailed it forcing another overtime period.

"Gary Ward threw a good pass and I tried to throw it up there and I ended up making it," said Odumeru.

Salisbury would end up pulling away in the second overtime period, thanks in large part to those two big plays. The biggest contribution the Sea Gulls received was the 43 points scored by the bench. Stewart led the bench with a double-double (18 points, 10 rebounds) while senior guard Justin Rice added 15 points off the bench.

Other starters that coincided with Odumeru's 32 points were Williams with 12 and senior forward Kyle Harmon with eight points and nine rebounds.

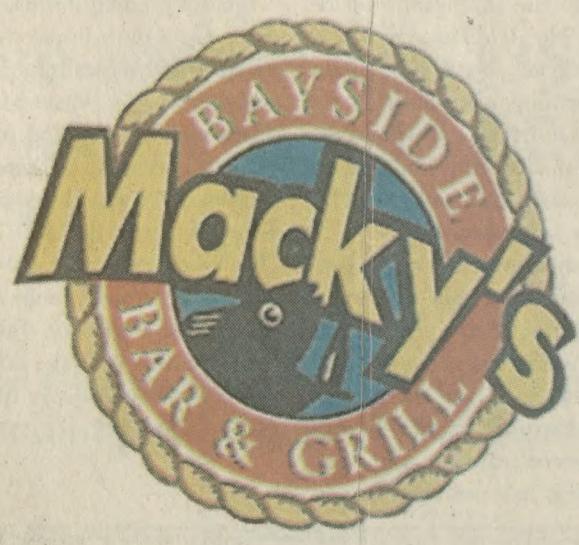


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Members of the men's basketball team listen up as head coach Steve Holmes pulls the team in for a huddle before the second overtime.

Salisbury Events Calendar

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